

# JEFFRIES AGREES TO FITZ'S TERMS; CHAMPIONSHIP FIGHT NOW ASSURED.

## MRS. W. E. D. STOKES WEDS; FORFEITS \$12,000 A YEAR.

Marries Capt. Lydig in Grace Church Chantry and the Couple at Once Sails for Europe.



Mrs. Rita H. de Alba Stokes, formerly the wife of W. E. D. Stokes, a New York millionaire, was quietly married at 1 o'clock this afternoon in Grace Church chantry to Capt. Philip M. Lydig. Two hours later they sailed for Europe.

By marrying Capt. Lydig Mrs. Stokes forfeits \$12,000 a year alimony to which she was entitled by the decree granting her a divorce. The fact that she was married is sufficient to dissolve the obligation of alimony incumbent upon Mr. Stokes. He is now at liberty, by the terms of the divorce decree, to go into court and make application for the custody of his son. The child is in this city and Mrs. Lydig may not take him abroad without the written consent of her former husband.

These present at the ceremony were Mrs. Ricardo Acosta, mother of the bride; her brother, Mr. Ricardo Acosta, Jr., who gave her away; Miss Ada Acosta, Mr. William Astor Chandler, who acted as best man; Mrs. Lydig, aunt of the bridegroom, and Mr. Charles D. Wetmore.

The bride wore a costume of black cloth richly trimmed with white lace and sable, a black hat bordered with sable, and carried a sable muff. Miss Acosta wore a white cloth gown and a white hat of black velvet trimmed with ostrich plumes. Mr. Acosta, father of the bride, was not at the nuptials, as he is now in Cuba.

**Sailed for Europe.**

At the end of the brief ceremony the newly married pair were driven to the home of the bride's mother, No. 48 West Forty-seventh street, where they stayed less than half an hour; from there they went to the White Star liner Oceanic, in which they sailed for Europe at 3 o'clock. At the pier Mr. and Mrs. Lydig were met by the others of the bridal party, who had gone straight there from the church.

About fifty of the friends of Capt. and Mrs. Lydig accompanied them to the pier and the main saloon of the steamship was converted into a bower of roses, being filled with beautiful floral pieces that were presents from the bride's friends. The staterooms G and H, which the couple will occupy, were also filled with flowers, one of the set pieces in the shape of a column, almost reaching to the top of the cabin.

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Robert Blake, of No. 207 West Thirtieth street, tried to kill himself today by drinking carbolic acid at the dinner table, because his aunt chided him for smoking cigarettes.

Blake is twenty-one years old. He lives with his parents and they have bothered him a good deal about his habits.

After his noon meal today he lit a cigarette. His aunt objected.

"Oh, I'm sick of all this jawing," the young man cried, "and I'm going to fix things so that you won't jaw me any more."

He pulled out a bottle of carbolic acid and drank it before the family could stop him. He was sent to Roosevelt hospital.

**To Cure Grip in Two Days**

Exquisite Bromo-Quinine removes the cause. E. W. Grove's signature on every box.

## VERY LATEST NEWS IN BRIEFEST FORM.

NEW CITY DEPOSITORY IN BROOKLYN.

The board of city officials, of which Mayor Low is chairman, has adopted this resolution:

Resolved, That the Chamberlain be requested to use as a clearing depository in each borough the bank or trust company having the largest paid-up capital, surplus (including undivided profits) and deposits on Dec. 31, 1901.

This resolution does not affect New York, but makes Brooklyn Trust Company the repository for that borough in place of the People's Trust Company.

LATE RESULTS AT NEW ORLEANS.

Fifth Race—Beana 1. Strangest 2. Pay the Fiddler 3.

BIG OFFICE BUILDINGS BEING ROBBED.

William Cox, superintendent of the Empire Building at No. 71 Broadway, appeared in the Centre Street Court this afternoon to make a complaint against Benjamin Bornhart, fifteen, living at No. 76 Columbia street. Mr. Cox stated that yesterday morning as he stepped out of his office he saw Bornhart reaching up to the wall hose as though he were trying to see if he could touch it. He then had the boy placed under arrest. Supt. Cox told the Magistrate that lately the building had been robbed of four brass nozzles off the fire hose, over \$50 worth of metal and several coats and umbrellas.

POLICE SERGEANT VICTIM OF APOPLEXY.

Police Sergt. Michael T. Downey, who was attached to the Seventieth Precinct, died today a victim of apoplexy in St. Mary's Hospital, Brooklyn. Sergt. Downey went to the hospital on Sunday afternoon last, and the end came as a shock to his many friends.

POLICE ASKED TO FIND BOY.

Otto Kunstein, fourteen years old, of No. 868 First avenue, has been missing since Jan. 29. He has a dark complexion, is tall for his age, of slim build and has dark hair and eyes. He wore a dark overcoat, black soft hat and laced shoes. A general alarm has been sent out for him.

HOTELS SHAKEN BY EXPLOSION TECHNICALLY UNSAFE.

The report made by Superintendent of Buildings, Perez A. Stewart, to Borough President Cantor, in which it was stated that the Murray Hill Hotel, Grand Union Hotel, Manhattan Eye and Ear Hospital and the private dwellings, No. 99 Park avenue and No. 38 East Thirty-ninth street, were unsafe, it was explained today, simply described the condition of these buildings immediately following the dynamite explosion which caused the damage. Save at the Manhattan Eye and Ear Hospital, the Building Inspectors found no structural weakness. Proprietors W. L. Jacques, of the Murray Hill and Simon Ford, of the Grand Union Hotel and Superintendent H. W. Hawthorne, of the Manhattan Eye and Ear Hospital, at once took steps to remedy the trouble. Inspectors have daily watched the repairs, but as the architects have as yet failed to notify the Department that the conditions complained of have been remedied, the hotels, hospital and dwellings are still carried in the books as "technically unsafe."

SHERIFF GUDEN DENIES AGREEMENT.

ALBANY, Feb. 5.—At the hearing before Gov. Odell this afternoon Sheriff Guden denied that he had ever made an agreement with Col. Dady to give him the revenues of the Sheriff's office in excess of \$12,000 a year. He said Col. Dady had not asked him to make such an agreement, and denied that he told Reiss so. He said Reiss asked him to say that he had made such an agreement with Dady because it would secure the support of the Worth faction, which was opposed to the Woodruff-Dady crowd.

RARE GLASS BROKEN AT WHITNEY DINNER.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Proprietor Roselle, of the Arlington Hotel, is said to be bemoaning the breaking of some rare glasses at the dinner given by Payne Whitney to his ushers and groomsmen last night. When the time came to drink the bride-elect's toast wine was poured into these, and after Miss H. V. had been drunk, every glass was thrown on the floor and shattered. It is said that when Landlord Roselle heard of the fate of his glasses he was greatly distressed.

NEW YORKER VICTIM OF WATERBURY FIRE.

WATERBURY, Conn., Feb. 5.—It is now considered certain that William Kahn, a meat cook at the Scovill House, who was hired at No. 74 Third avenue, New York, was burned to death in the fire that destroyed the hotel.

Fred Schlegel is dead from pneumonia and exposure due to the fire, and several others are dangerous ill. Three cases of delirium tremens are reported due to excessive drinking at the fire.

TWO ABSOLUTE DIVORCES GRANTED.

Justice Blanchard this afternoon granted two absolute divorces. One was to Mabelle Caubb from Samuel B. Chubb, who is in the paper pattern business. The other decree was granted on the report of a referee to Clara Wilma Anderson from Frank H. Anderson. The Justice gave her permission to resume her maiden name, Clara Wilma Newman. The papers were sealed and even the referee's name withheld.

## Boilermaker Is Anxious to Fight the Old Australian He Once Whipped and Will Meet Him at Once.

Champion Jim Jeffries and Robert Fitzsimmons will fight after all. Jeffries admitted as much this afternoon. He said that he wanted to meet Fitzsimmons personally some time between now and Saturday and that he would make Fitz such inducements as would make him come to time. Jeffries said:

"I want to say this to Fitzsimmons. I will meet him at any time and at any place he may designate, between now and Saturday, so that we can talk this matter over. I think we can do it better than through the columns of any newspaper."

I will give him every chance. If he does not like the "winner take all proposition" then I will make other inducements. I want to fight Fitz again, and am willing to make any sacrifice to get his name to articles.

If necessary I will accept a proposition to split the money, but I will insist that the fight take place before the club offering the biggest purse. If Kennedy's club makes the highest bid well and good. If not, then we will fight somewhere else.

I am sure that I can make no fairer offer to Fitz than this, and if he really means to fight he will meet me some time between now and Saturday and we will be able to arrange matters.

Jim Kennedy's proposition to the fighters was this: "The gross receipts to be divided into thirds. Each fighter to take one-third and the club the remaining third."

Jeffries asked at this. Ever since Fitzsimmons made the big boiler-maker take 25 per cent. win or lose in order to get on a match Jeffries has been inclined to be a bit stiff with the Cornishman when it came down to the financial question.

He refused, therefore, to accept Kennedy's proposition and said that he would only meet Fitz on the basis of 75 per cent. to the winner and the winner take all.

Yesterday the big champion received a telegram from Billy Delaney, his manager and trainer, and in this message Delaney said that Kennedy's proposition was a money winner and it would be a good thing for Jeffries to accept. Jeffries thereupon made the above statement.

## DIETZ NOT YET FOUND.

McCullagh Deputies Now Have Orders to Arrest Alderman on Sight.

Superintendent of Elections McCullagh said this afternoon that he would not apply for warrants for the arrest of Alderman Dietz and Tammany Leader Frawley, who are accused of election frauds.

"It is not necessary," said the Superintendent, "I have instructed my deputies to arrest them on sight, but not to bother them in their homes. They are responsible men and we are not breaking our necks trying to get them."

"I notice," continued Supt. McCullagh, "that George Engel, the lawyer, said this morning that I am doing this simply because I have a personal fight against Senator Tim Sullivan. I want to deny that emphatically."

Defends "Tim" Sullivan.

What has Senator Sullivan got to do with the Thirty-second Assembly District? He is credited with a great many offenses that I personally know he knows nothing about. There are men in his own organization who are willing that he shall assume the responsibility for crimes and offenses of which they are guilty and of which he is ignorant."

After his somewhat surprising eulogy of the big Tammany Senator Supt. McCullagh announced that there would be two or three more arrests in the Dietz-Frawley matter, but that they were not important.

Only one of the six prisoners of McCullagh was arraigned today.

Sigmund L. Rosenfeld, the sixth man arrested, was taken before Magistrate O'Brien in Essex Market Court and held in \$2,000 bail for examination next Friday.

Rail was furnished by Harry Leitner of No. 32 Madison street. Rosenfeld was represented by Lawyer George Engel, of the law firm of which Alderman "Tim" Sullivan is a member.

## AFTERNOON NEWS IN PARAGRAPHS.

CHILD BURNED AT PLAY.

Vincent Venburn, six years old, of No. 19 Cherry street, while playing around a bonfire in the street today, set his clothing afire and he was severely burned.

CAB DRIVER POSED AS BARON.

Frederick Rohnick, who used to be a cab driver until his wife sent him to the island for drunkenness, branched out as the Baron Frederick de Knorr. He was in Yorkville Court today, accused of having "borrowed" hundreds of dollars and never repaying. He was held in \$200 bail for trial.

DIVORCED FROM SERGT. WADE.

Justice Blanchard granted an absolute divorce to Joseph Wade from Police Sergt. Frederick Ernest Wade, of the East Eighty-eighth street station, in the Supreme Court today. Mrs. Wade's father, Richard Elterich, testified that the Sergeant and Mrs. Ruth Benedict frequently registered at the Harlem House as man and wife.

HILL TO STAY AWAY.

It was said in Brooklyn this afternoon that David B. Hill would not be present at the dinner which the friends of Former Comptroller Coker are going to give the young Brooklyn statesman tonight at Arion Hall, in order, it has been said, to launch a boom for Coker for Governor of the State.

TRIED TO HANG HIMSELF.

William Balz, twenty-five years old, was arraigned in court in West New York today charged with attempted suicide, he having tried to hang himself. Balz quarreled with his mother and went to his room where he was found by his brother suspended from a hook in the ceiling. He refused to explain in court and was remanded.

TELEPHONE FIGHT IN COURT.

Justice Traux, in the Supreme Court today reserved his decision on a motion for an injunction to prevent a change in the contract for the construction of the Knickerbocker Telephone and Telegraph Company's lines. The real object of the suit is to prevent the Bell Company from absorbing its rival.

LAWMAKERS TO GREET PRICE.

ALBANY, Feb. 5.—On the Governor's recommendation a joint resolution providing that a Committee of seven Assemblymen and five Senators be named to act in conjunction with the Mayor of Albany in the reception to Prince Henry, was adopted today.

OLD GUARD TO ESCORT REY.

The Old Guard of New York and the Burgesses Corps of Albany will leave for New Orleans by special train on Friday to participate in the Mardi Gras. They have been invited to act as guard for Rex.

VOTE \$1,000 TO LIGHT PRINCE.

At a meeting of the Sinking Fund Commission, which has charge of the city docks and piers, an appropriation of \$1,000 was voted for the lighting of the pier at Thirty-fourth street, set apart for the use of Prince Henry during his visit.

HORN FOUND GUILTY.

Alexander Horn, who shot McGinnis, a newspaper reporter, six months ago, was found guilty of manslaughter in the first degree by a jury in the Court of General Sessions today. He will be sentenced by Judge Newburger next Friday.

STEAMER SINKS COAL BARGE.

The coal barge Ethel T. Quinn, owned by William Quinn, of Brooklyn, with 30 tons of coal on board, was cut down by the Italian steamship Spartan Prince in the East River this afternoon, and sank soon after being towed into the New York Central slip at pier 5.

A Mackey-Smith Conductor Bishop.

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## TUNNEL RULE IS DROPPED.

Eighteen-Mile-an-Hour Limit Did Not Suit the Central.

The State Railroad Board's tunnel remedy has failed.

At the request of the New York Central the eighteen-mile-an-hour limit has been dropped.

General Manager Franklin reported that the rule was impracticable, that trains were delayed too much.

The New York Central has also declared the single-block tunnel plan impracticable.

It has always declared impracticable every improvement suggested until some dire catastrophe forced its adoption.

Away back in 1887, when the railroad was urged to adopt steam heat in cars, Chauncey Depew said: "I suppose there have been 5,000 devices to reach this end, but there isn't one which is practicable."

The burning alive of many persons at Spuyten Duyvil forced the Central to use steam heat in cars.

A rear-end collision at Hastings made them put in block signals.

Two tunnel accidents, in which twenty-five persons were killed, have, as yet, forced them to do nothing.

The company's request was vetoed in a petition from thirty-six engineers, who declared they could not make schedule time between Ninety-sixth and Fifty-ninth streets at eighteen miles an hour.

The Railroad Commission promptly extended the limit to twenty-four miles an hour.

The tunnel now is in practically the same condition as before the accident which killed seventeen people.

The inability to run at exactly the same. The New York Central road evidently does not propose to do anything further in the matter—nor perhaps until other humans are sacrificed in that black hole of a tunnel.

P. S. Hodges, general superintendent of the New York Central road, is repulsed over his appointment as general manager of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern, as his new duties will take him back to Cleveland, where he says there are neither tunnels nor accidents.

Your little old New York may be all right," he said today, "but give me Cleveland."

Don't you personally think The World's single block plan feasible?" "From the standpoint?" was Mr. Hodges' answer.

Well, from the practical railroad man's point of view, it is entirely feasible. The public might not like it, though. It would be a pretty drastic remedy, though, as The World claims, it would make the tunnel perfectly safe.

It is a question, though, whether the public would want it. However, I'm going back to Cleveland where we have neither tunnels nor accidents about him, you New Yorkers to your own rescue.

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Neighbor Quenched Flames, but Little Fellow Will Die.

(Special to The Evening World.)

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